

# Heritage Middle School



## *National Junior Honor Society*



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### 2020-2021 Minimum Criteria

Due to the current status of COVID-19, the application process for National Junior Honor Society at Heritage Middle School is postponed until further notice. As the year progresses, a decision will be made contingent on the current status of COVID-19. We hope that we will be able to resume the application process and have an induction during the 2020-2021 school year. We will communicate with parents and students if the status of our chapter of NJHS changes.

- **3.75 Cumulative GPA or Higher**
- At least 1 **Co-Curricular Activity** within the current school year (8<sup>th</sup> grade) at Heritage
- At least 1 **Leadership Position** (7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>) elected or appointed position within established group you are an active member of
- At least 2 **Group Community Service Activities** completed with an established group you are an active member of; inside or outside of school; 5 total hours (7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>)
- At least 2 **Individual Community Service Activities** individually completed, not with an established group; 3 total hours (7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>)
- At least 2 **Work Experiences, Recognitions, or Awards** (7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>)

**Students meeting the above criteria may be excluded for the following reasons:**

- Questionable character
- Disciplinary reasons (In/Out of school Suspensions, Wednesday/Saturday schools, detentions)
- Attendance issues (excessive/unexcused absences)
- Failure to complete/correctly complete all portions of application
- Any other reason deemed unacceptable within the exemplary code of the National Junior Honor Society

**Note: NJHS is offered only to 8<sup>th</sup> graders at Heritage. 7<sup>th</sup> graders should begin accumulating the above qualifications to apply their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year.**

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## *National Junior Honor Society Student Application*

**Directions:** All sections of this application must be completed. Do not be modest! Every piece of information can be used by the Faculty Council to assist in the selection process. You may not use your involvement in an organization, group, or club more than once on this application. Completion of this form does not guarantee selection. This is an elite group & we expect a perfect application. Simply completing the minimum requirements may not grant you acceptance into the NJHS, we are looking for students who go above and beyond the minimum. Failure to complete this form correctly will result in your application being invalid and unable to be reviewed for membership.

Be sure to return this form, along with all the required signatures, to the main office by **FRIDAY, JANUARY 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:50 pm**. Applications will not be accepted after this date and time. NO EXCEPTIONS!

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Co-Curricular Activities:** at least 1 group you are actively involved in at Heritage during the current school year (8<sup>th</sup> grade) (clubs, teams, musical groups, etc....)

**Activity**

**Adult Signature (required; NOT a parent)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Leadership Position:** at least 1 elected or appointed position within a group in which you are an active member. Leadership position means you were directly responsible for directing or motivating others on a regular basis during your 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade year; positions can be held within groups in or outside of school) (Example: Soccer captain grade 7)

**Leadership Position**

**Grade**

**Group**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe Responsibilities** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Adult Signature (required; NOT a parent)** \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe Responsibilities** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Adult Signature (required; NOT a parent)** \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Group Community Service Activities (completed with established group you are an active member of)** Must have a minimum of 5 total hours of service, inside or outside of school. Service should be performed on behalf of others, not including family members, in which no compensation was given within your 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade year. Adult supervisor must verify participation. This service activity may NOT be one already listed anywhere on your application.

*Example: Volunteering at Soup Kitchen with Panther Ambassadors*

<b>In/Out of School Activity</b>	<b>Established Group</b>	<b>Adult Signature (required; NOT a parent)</b>
1. _____	_____	_____

**Describe activity in detail** \_\_\_\_\_ **Hours:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>In/Out of School Activity</b>	<b>Established Group</b>	<b>Adult Signature (required; NOT a parent)</b>
2. _____	_____	_____

**Describe activity in detail** \_\_\_\_\_ **Hours:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>In/Out of School Activity</b>	<b>Established Group</b>	<b>Adult Signature (required; NOT a parent)</b>
3. _____	_____	_____

**Describe activity in detail** \_\_\_\_\_ **Hours:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>In/Out of School Activity</b>	<b>Established Group</b>	<b>Adult Signature (required; NOT a parent)</b>
4. _____	_____	_____

**Describe activity in detail** \_\_\_\_\_ **Hours:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL HOURS (must equal at least 5 hours)**

- 4. Individual Community Service Activities:** Must have at least 2 different service activities performed outside of school in which you individually initiated and participated for the betterment of your community within your 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade year. Service should be performed on behalf of others, not including family members, in which no compensation was given. This service activity must be different from any other activities already listed on your application and cannot be affiliated with any established group you are part of.

*Example: Safety Town volunteer as individual student, 8<sup>th</sup> grade (NOT with established group)*

Activity	Describe activity in detail
1. _____	_____
Hours: _____	Adult Signature (required; NOT a parent) _____

Activity	Describe activity in detail
2. _____	_____
Hours: _____	Adult Signature (required; NOT a parent) _____

Activity	Describe activity in detail
3. _____	_____
Hours: _____	Adult Signature (required; NOT a parent) _____

\_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL HOURS (must equal at least 3 hours)**

- 5. Work Experience, Recognitions, & Awards:** Must have at least 2. List below any job experiences, honors, or recognitions that you received which support your bid for membership into NJHS. Work experience may be paid or volunteer)

Experience or Award	Describe Experience or Award in detail	Grade
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____

## 6. Discipline:

Have you received any disciplinary actions (7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>), including In/Out of School Suspensions, Wednesday/Saturday Schools, detentions, suspension? (circle one)

Yes

No

If yes, please explain in detail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Please know that any disciplinary action 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade year will most likely disqualify your application, depending on severity.

## 7. Character:

Your character plays a vital role of entry into NJHS. Please have 2 HMS teachers sign this from who you feel could speak on behalf of your character.

**Teacher**

**Grade**

**Course**

**Signature**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

## 8. Extended Response:

Please complete the following extended response using **MLA format**. This must be at least 2 pages typed (double spaced, 12 point font, times new roman) & attached to the application at time of submission. Be sure to use your **best** writing skills—this will be taken into consideration along with the rest of your application. Please be sure to proof read & edit before submission.

**Note: Failure to correctly format or follow directions for extended response will result in your application being invalid & may remove your application from review for membership.**

**PROMPT:** From all of the activities listed above, what have you gained as a person? What have you learned about yourself and others? What have you learned about the importance of service in your community & school? Be specific, referencing at least 2 specific examples of activities and/or service in your explanation.

## 9. Signatures:

### Student:

I have **personally completed** all portions of this application and I understand that completing this form **does not** guarantee selection into NJHS, and that the information presented here is complete and accurate.

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**Student Signature**

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**Date**

### Parent/Guardian:

I have read the information provided by my child on this form and can verify that it is true, and complete in its presentation.

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**Parent/Guardian Signature**

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**Date**

### \*\*Questions:

If you have questions about this application, the NJHS applicant (student) should speak directly with Mrs. Geoit and/or Ms Jasper. Please schedule a time to meet with us (not during class) and bring your application. Answering questions via email is difficult, since this application is quite intricate.